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EXPORT OF FISH
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of fish and other marine products exported from various States particularly the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and revenue earned therefrom during the last three years and in the current year till date, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the steps contemplated to protect the prawn export industry from the adverse effect of the import policy of western countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The total quantity of fish and other marine products exported from various states and revenue earned there form during the last three years and in the current year till Feb, 2008, year-wise and State-wise is at Annexure.

(b) To protect the prawn export industry from the adverse effect of the import policy of western countries MPEDA has taken several steps including

upgradation of processing plants to meet the requirements of EU & USA,

grant of financial assistance and interest subsidy for the upgradation of captive and independent pre-processing centres and for the setting up of mini laboratories,

organization of training programmes on implementation of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Programme (HACCP) for seafood technologists/QC personnel,

scrutinization of HACCP manuals of the processors,

issuance of scrutiny and compliance certificates,

notification of limits for certain contaminants,

prohibition of the use of certain banned items at par with EU and US regulations,

launching of National Residue Control Programme through monitoring of antibiotics & pesticide residues and chemical elements in Aquaculture production,

arrangement of sector wise training programmes for technologists, processors, pre-processors, fish handlers, fishermen, boat crew and other persons handling fishery products for maintenance of hygiene in processing plants, landing centres, fishing crafts and personnel working in these areas.

In addition, to tackle the challenge posed by the antidumping duty and customs bond requirements imposed by US on Indian Shrimps, the Government has extended financial assistance to the Seafood Exporters Association of India who have suits against the anti dumping Order of the US Government, and enhanced Customs Bond requirement. MPEDA has extended necessary assistance to the seafood exporters for filling proper responses in administrative reviews with the intention of either getting a total withdrawal of anti dumping duty imposed on Indian shrimp exported to US or to get a reduced anti dumping duty.